

The minutes of the regular meeting of Dawson Township Council, held on Wednesday October 4th 2023 at 7 pm in the Municipal Office.

**PRESENT** Mayor D Hartnell was absent. Councillors: B Langner took the chair for the meeting, C Larocque, L Kempf & B Sands. Clerk-Treasurer: P W Giles. Road Supt/Fire Chief Randy Asselin. Visitors: Allison Cox & Bev Langner Riverside Health Care Foundation, Nico Church & Evan Saunders from Fotenn. Nico & Evan are working on our updated Official Plan and Zoning By-law and they gave an overview on the process the input and consultation that will occur during the project.

Riverside Foundation gave a presentation on the requirement for funding to purchase ultrasound equipment for the Rainy River Hospital and they were requesting \$5000.00 in funding from the Township.

**MINUTES #23-72 KEMPF & LAROCQUE & CARRIED** that the minutes of the regular meeting of Council held on September 6th 2023, be approved as printed.

**ACCOUNTS #23-73 SANDS & LAROCQUE & CARRIED** that the accounts in the amount of \$116,206.97 and representing disbursements for the month September 2023, be approved for payment.

**BY-LAW 465 #23-74 KEMPF & LAROCQUE & CARRIED** that By-law No 465, being the Campbell Drain 2023 Cost Amending By-law be enacted.

**BY-LAW 466 #23-75 SANDS & KEMPF & CARRIED** that By-law No 466, being the West Rainy River District Fire Service Agreement By-law be enacted.

**BY-LAW 467 #23-76 SANDS & KEMPF & CARRIED** that By-law No 467, being the West Rainy River District Fire Services Establishing Amendment By-law be enacted.

**OTHER** The Rd Supt reported on road work including grading and brushing operations, work was completed on the ramp at Wilson Creek and culvert on Hanson Drive. Due to fall setting only a portion of the brush spraying was completed and the contractor is to finish the gravelling soon. Safeties on trucks being completed, winter sand to be put up, fire pumper is out of service due to the pump not working, repair options are being investigated. Councillor Larocque and the Clerk-Treasurer noted the next fire board meeting will be held on November 21<sup>st</sup> and amendments have been submitted for a new agreement and update on the establishing by-law. The Clerk-Treasurer reported on the OPP Security check revenue is \$195 however due to centralization of the service there will not be revenue sharing of future fees. The library Pay Equity report was filed, 2024 OPP costs will increase from \$84,165 to \$86,321. A budget update was provided to Council. Campbell Drain billing is being authorized by By-law 465. Three of the four tax sale transfer have been completed. Council wants to review the benefit of the GPS system (although the 36 month lease started December 2022). Council is concerned about delays in the

repairs to the Locum House and the Clerk-Treasurer is to ask the Town of Rainy River for an update and urge the quick undertaking of the repairs.

ADJOURN #23-77 LAROCQUE & SANDS & CARRIED that the meeting be adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

\_\_\_\_\_ Mayor \_\_\_\_\_ Clerk